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Adventures to Go... carefree travel for ages 50 plus August 2013 Newsletter

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Trip descriptions are listed on the following pages.
Register early! Trips fill quickly. Waitlists available.
All trips are open to Santa Clara Residents and Non-Residents.

Let's Talk Travel! August 28, 2013 at 12:30 p.m.

Join us and *Let's Talk Travel!* We meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 12:30 p.m. in the Mezzanine. Come and learn more about upcoming tours, see travel presentations, or just to talk travel. Santa Clara residents can register for newly released tours following *Let's Talk Travel*. Call 1 (408) 615-3170 for more information.

Adventures to Go – General Information

Trip Availability: All trips are open to Santa Clara residents and non-residents, age 50 plus. Priority registration is given to residents for new trips released after *Let's Talk Travel* on the fourth Wednesday of the month; non-residents can register on the following Monday. Register early! Trips fill quickly! Wait lists are created once trips fill; those on the wait list are called as spaces become available. Trips not reaching the minimum enrollment required will be canceled.

Senior Center Registration Form: Travelers are required to complete a Senior Center registration form and sign a liability release each calendar year prior to participation in the *Adventures to Go* travel program.

Trip Attendance: Only those officially registered for a trip may attend. Participant substitutions are not allowed at time of check-in on day of trip. All travelers must register in advance at the Santa Clara Senior Center and have a current registration form on file.

Refund Policy:

- Day/Extended Trips Please choose wisely; refunds will ONLY be given when a replacement can be found from the Senior Center trip wait list or trip is cancelled by the Senior Center.
- Travel Insurance The Santa Clara Senior Center recommends you consider travel insurance, especially for extended trips. Check online at: http://www.insuremytrip.com, with Kanen Tours, AAA, or any insurance provider of your choosing.

Trip/Meal Substitutions: Trip itineraries may be modified due to unforeseen circumstances. Every effort will be made to replace the location and/or activity with one that is similar. Refunds are not guaranteed should there be a change in itinerary. Hosted meals may be modified at the discretion of the restaurant.

Trip Activity Levels/Special Needs: Activity levels listed are offered as a guideline. Travelers with accessibility concerns, special needs, or questions should call the Travel Administrator.

Trip Pick-Up/Drop-Off: Trips leave from and return to the old police station parking lot, near the corner of Lincoln Avenue and Civic Center Drive, in Santa Clara. Please arrive at least 15 minutes before trip departure for check-in; 30 minutes for overnight trips. Motor coach will leave promptly at time specified. *Please note:* During a trip, if a situation (urgent or non-urgent) arises where you are unable to meet-up with your "travel group" at the pre-designated time and place identified by the tour escort(s), it will be your responsibility and expense to make arrangements to get yourself home. This would also apply to any other traveler who may decide to stay with you. A tour escort is not able to stay behind with you for any situation that may occur.

Gratuities: Trip fees include a modest gratuity for the driver of the motor coach and servers at hosted meals. When you experience exceptional service, you may choose to tip an additional amount. City of Santa Clara employees and tour escorts cannot accept gratuities.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) – In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the City of Santa Clara Parks and Recreation Department will ensure that all existing facilities will be made accessible to individuals with disabilities. Reasonable modifications in policies, procedures, and/or practices will be made as necessary to ensure full and equal access and enjoyment of all programs and activities for all individuals with a disability. In order to allow participation by individuals with severe allergies, environmental illnesses, multiple chemical sensitivity, or related disabilities, please **DO NOT wear scented products** to programs/activities at City facilities. Contact the Santa Clara Senior Center at (408) 615-3170 with accessibility concerns specific to this facility, and the Parks and Recreation office at (408) 615-2260 for accessibility concerns regarding other parks and recreation facilities/programs. For all other ADA questions, contact the City Clerk's office at 1 (408) 615-2220.

Adventures to Go – Trip Information

Trip availability can change from day to day. Contact the Senior Center office for registration information, 1 (408) 615-3170.

Monterey Movie Tour No. 49706 Thursday, August 8 \$129 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 1 1/2 hour drive each way; long periods of sitting.

Join us for a spectacular tour in Monterey that will take us to locations we've seen in memorable movies such as A Summer Place, Mutiny on the Bounty, Captain's Courageous, My Favorite Brunette, Play Misty for Me, National Velvet, Turner & Houch, The Candidate, The Parent Trap, The Big Bounce, and many others. We'll travel in comfort on a special motor coach with luxury high-back seats. From our seats we will see actual scenes from the movies on the overhead monitors as we pass through the areas where they were filmed....downtown Monterey, Monterey Bay, Fisherman's Wharf, historic Cannery Row, Pacific Grove, 17-Mile Drive in Pebble Beach, and charming Carmel-by-the-Sea. Mid-day we will stop for a hosted lunch at the Pebble Beach Resort. Motor coach leaves promptly at 8:00 AM and returns at approximately 4:00 PM.

Murals of the Mission No. 49707 Tuesday, August 13 \$87 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM/HIGH – approx. 1 hour drive each way. This is a walking tour; wear good walking shoes and dress in layers.

The Mission is the oldest, warmest and largest district in San Francisco. There are over 700 murals in the City...and we will see many of the best with San Francisco tour guide Craig Smith. Our day will begin with a tour of Mission Dolores, the Mission Museum and the cemetery. We will remain in the area to see some of the largest murals in San Francisco. Mid-day we will stop for a hosted lunch at Tacolicious. Lunch will be served "family style" and includes chips with salsa and guacamole, salad, two tacos (meat or vegetarian), and a non-alcoholic beverage. The afternoon will take us to 24th Street to see the Street of the Flags of Latin America. Along the way we will see many splendid murals in the heart of the Mission. Our tour will include a walk through Balmy Alley and a visit to the Precita Eyes Mural Center. *Motor coach leaves promptly at 8:30 AM and returns at approximately 5:30 PM*.

Golden Gate Fields No. 49708 Thursday, August 22 \$75 per person

Activity level: LOW – approx. 1 hour drive each way; moderate walking; some stairs; elevator.

Enjoy Thoroughbred horse racing at Golden Gate Fields in Berkeley. A buffet lunch at the Turf Club will include prime rib, chicken, a variety of salads, fresh fruits, desserts, and non-alcoholic beverage. View the races from your Turf Club seats. Please remember there is a dress code of "Business Casual," meaning no jeans, shorts, tank tops, or flip flops. Men must wear collared shirts. *Motor coach leaves promptly at 10:00 AM and returns at approximately 6:30 PM.*

Cache Creek Casino No. 50473 Thursday, August 29 \$43 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 2 1/2 hour drive each way; periods of walking, standing, and sitting.

Try your luck at Cache Creek Indian Casino in the City of Brooks. You'll have approximately 5 hours to gamble and enjoy a no-host lunch at one of the many restaurants on the premises. You will receive a casino bonus of \$10 free play and a \$5 food credit. Please note: Remember to bring your Cache Club membership card for added bonuses and a Govt. issued photo ID in order to collect and receive any bonuses or winnings. (Refund packages are subject to change without notice). *Motor coach leaves promptly at 7:30 AM and returns at approximately 5:00 PM*.

Santa Rosalia Festa Italia No. 50474 Saturday, September 7 \$46 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM/HIGH – approx. 1 1/2 drive each way; long periods of walking and standing. Wear good walking shoes, a hat, and dress in layers. Event is outdoors.

Oftentimes referred to as the Fisherman's Festival, the Santa Rosalia Festa Italia celebrates its 80th year in Monterey. This 3-day event takes place in the Custom House Plaza near Fisherman's Wharf. The festivities include Mass at the San Carlos Cathedral, a parade from downtown to the Plaza, blessing of the ships, delicious Italian foods, musical entertainment, and bocce ball. You will have 6 hours on your own to enjoy the event and spend time at Fisherman's Wharf or Canary Row, both are in walking distance. Afternoon entertainment will include the popular Italian singer Pasquale Esposito. Meals are not included. *Motor coach leaves promptly at 9:00 AM and returns at approximately 6:00 PM.*

Santa Cruz Follies No. 50475 Thursday, September 12 \$93 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM - approx. 1 hour drive each way; moderate walking.

Join us for this annual tradition - the Santa Cruz Follies. This years show, *Those Magical Musical Memories*, will take you back to moments that time cannot erase. You will hear tunes in the styles of the Rat Pack, Motown, Jazz, and Pop/Rock mixed into this fast-moving production with delightful singing, high stepping dancing, and a few dashes of humor. Before the show we will enjoy a hosted lunch at the Café Mare, providing an authentic Italian dining experience. Our meal will include a mixed green salad, choice of Penne al Salmone (pasta & salmon in fresh tomato, cream, and vodka sauce), Pollo al Limone (breast of chicken with capers, lemon and white wine sauce), or Melanzane Parmigiana (Classic eggplant parmigiana in a marinara sauce), gelato for dessert, and coffee or tea. *Motor coach leaves promptly at 10:00 AM and returns at approximately 4:30 PM*.

Impressionists on the Water No. 50646 Wednesday, September 18 \$60 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 1 1/4 hour drive each way; periods of walking, standing, and sitting.

This exhibit at the Legion of Honor was organized to coincide with San Francisco's hosting of the America's Cup, the world's most important and prestigious sailing competition. *Impressionists on the Water* will showcase more than 60 works that explore the significant role sailing played in the lives of the Impressionists and Post Impressionists including Claude Monet, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, and others. Following our timed visit, you will have free time to explore the rest of the museum and enjoy a no-host lunch at the Legion of Honor Café offering views of Lincoln Park and the Marin Headlands. Free docent led tours are available throughout the day. Register at the Legion of Honor that morning; tours limited to 20. *Motor coach leaves promptly at 8:45 AM and returns at approximately 4:30 PM.*

Duck Tour No. 50590 Tuesday, September 24 \$106 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 1 1/2 hour drive each way; periods of walking, standing, and sitting. Wear good walking shoes and dress in layers.

Laugh and Learn by Land & Sea aboard a San Francisco Duck as the captain takes you through San Francisco, a splash into the San Francisco bay and a cruise around McCovey Cove. While on the water get behind the wheel and drive the duck, if you want. Your captain will entertain you with stories of past and present. Learn about San Francisco history, the bay, its famous personalities and the area's impact on the state and our nation. Find out about the city's role in film, song and sports too! You'll pass by many San Francisco attractions and historic sites. Afterward enjoy a hosted lunch at Delancey Street restaurant. The meal will include a cup of Soup Du Jour, choice of: ½ Roasted Chicken, Caribbean Grilled Chicken Salad, Grilled Filet of Salmon, Chipotle Glazed Pork Loin, or Vegetarian Pasta Primavera, a non-alcoholic

beverage, and Vanilla Bean Ice Cream with Biscotti for dessert. *Motor coach leaves promptly at 8:30 AM and returns at approximately 3:30 PM.*

SF Giants vs. San Diego Padres No. 50476 Sunday, September 29 \$84 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 1 hour drive each way; long walk to seats from motor coach; stairs to seats. Dress in layers; seats are in the shade.

It's Fan Appreciation Day at AT&T Park in San Francisco – always a sell out – and we have tickets! Throughout the game there will be prizes galore given to fans sitting in the "lucky" seats. You may be the fan to win the car at the end of the game. We will arrive at the ballpark early to give you plenty of time to explore and purchase food before the game begins at 1:05 PM. We will be dropped off at the entrance near the Orlando Cepeda statue for easy access to our lower box seats that are located in a shaded area by left field. Please note: Game time is subject to change for television coverage; you will be notified if game time changes. *Motor coach leaves promptly at 10:00 AM and returns at approximately 5:30 PM.*

Southern Oregon Getaway No. 50477 Wednesday-Sunday, October 2-6 Per person: \$992 double occupancy and \$1318 single occupancy Half the fee is due at time of registration; balance due August 2.

Activity level: MEDIUM/HIGH – approx. 9 hour drive each way that includes two extended rest stops for dining and/or shopping. A detailed itinerary will be mailed to the travelers approximately two weeks prior to the trip.

We'll travel by deluxe motor coach provided by Royal Coach Tours and spend 4 nights at the luxurious Ashland Springs Hotel located in the heart of Ashland, just steps away from the Shakespeare Festival. Amenities include baggage handling, expanded continental breakfast, late night snack, hosted welcome dinner, fitness room, restaurant, spa, non-smoking environment, feather down pillows and blankets, flat screen TV with HBO, English Garden, gift shop, and more. On Thursday, there will be plenty of time to shop, explore the galleries, take a tour, or relax before we go to an evening performance of A Streetcar Named Desire at the Angus Browner Theatre. On Friday we will tour the Harry and David Factory to see how America's favorite treats are made. There will be time to shop at the Harry and David Country Store for holiday gift packages, cooking items, home décor, and fresh produce. In the afternoon we will step back in time in Jacksonville. We will start our visit with a hosted lunch at the historic Jacksonville Inn then take a guided tour in a trolley where a costumed docent will share interesting stories and about this gold rush era town. Entrée choices include Hazelnut Chicken with Fresh Pear Sauce, Grilled Salmon Flatbread Sandwich, Classic French Dip, and Grilled Garden Vegetable Fettuccine Marinara with Kalamatta Olives. On Saturday we will enjoy a Oregon Shakespeare Backstage Tour that includes a visit to three auditoriums and the areas behind the Elizabethan Stage. We will also travel the scenic Hwy 66 with a step-on guide who will share interesting facts and points of interest along the way and enjoy a hosted lunch at the historic Pinehurst Inn. Entrée choices include Chicken Piccata, Italian Sausage Spaghetti, and Spinach Ravioli. That evening we will see a performance of *Cymbeline* at the Elizabethan Theatre under the stars. Please note: On our travel days to and from Ashland, we will take an extended rest stop at Granzella's in Williams and downtown Mount Shasta to break up our time on the motor coach. A trip flyer with more information is available at the Senior Center. Motor coach leaves promptly at 8:00 AM on Wednesday and returns at approximately 4:00 PM on Sunday.

"SAFETY FIRST" IS OUR MOTTO!

Our goal is to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for our travelers. For your safety, please remain seated when the motor coach is in motion except when it is necessary to use the restroom. The Tour Escorts will also remain seated and discontinue the practice of walking down the aisle to pass out literature, collect garbage, or play bingo during travel time. Thank you for working with us to put "safety first."

Dragon Slayers No. 50591 Wednesday, October 9 \$66 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 45 minute drive each way; periods of walking, standing, and sitting. Wear good walking shoes and dress in layers. Bring a lunch or purchase lunch.

River's Crest Dragon Slayers in Aptos is an innovative, animal therapy program for physically challenged children and adults, using rare and unusual animals as a medium. Teaching self-confidence, awareness and conservation, Dragon Slayers has served the physically challenged community for over 35 years. A visit to this beautiful, one-of-a-kind facility offers unmatched learning opportunities and lots of fun! During the 90-minute tour, you'll interact with animals from all over the world, and meet incredible people who share their lives with these wonderful creatures. Meet, touch and learn about animals: including emu, camel, zebra, miniature Brahma bull family, llama, giant African tortoises, miniature horses and donkeys, a wide array of unusual birds, and many more animal residents. Afterward enjoy free time (no host lunch) in downtown Capitola-by-the-Sea. Explore the shops, galleries, and museum in downtown Capitola with time for lunch on your own. Bring your own lunch and take a seat at one of the many benches lining the beach or enjoy ocean view dining at one of the many restaurants along the water's edge. *Motor coach leaves promptly at 10:00 AM and returns at approximately 4:30 PM*.

Mystery Trip No. 50592 Thursday, October 17 \$101 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 3 hour drive each way; periods of walking, standing, and sitting. Good walking-closed toed shoes are required. Dress in layers.

Our mystery trip will include history, but we won't visit a museum. We'll follow a path of flowers and step back in time while treated to the freshest food one can find. From grandeur to whimsy the days treats will abound. We'll enjoy a hosted lunch while way out of town. We'll travel in style and visit a place sure to make you smile! This day away is a sure bet, so hurry and register and see what you get! Good walking-closed toed shoes are required. Entrée selection: Slow Roasted BBQ Pork Sandwich, Classic Chicken Salad Sandwich, Vegetarian Ricotta Cheese Quesadilla, non-alcoholic beverage and fresh baked apple pie with vanilla bean ice cream for dessert. *Motor coach leaves promptly at 8:00 AM and returns at approximately 5:30 PM.*

Bay Bridge Lights No. 50647 Saturday, October 19 \$133 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 1 1/2 hour drive each way; periods of walking, standing, and sitting. Wear good walking shoes and dress in layers for evening cruise.

Don't miss this very special opportunity to enjoy a waterfront hosted dinner at Hs Lordships in Berkeley followed by a private yacht bay cruise and narrated tour offering facts about the new bay bridge. During the cruise see the city waterfront at dusk, views of Angel Island, and travel under the bay bridge before stopping at the perfect vantage point to see the iconic sculpture shine! Designed by internationally renowned artist Leo Villareal. This stunning fine arts experience stands at seven times the scale of the Eiffel Tower's 100th Anniversary lighting. The Bay Lights is the world's largest light sculpture, 1.8 miles wide and 500 feet high. *Motor coach leaves promptly at 3:15 PM and returns at approximately 10:30 PM*.

Jackson Rancheria Casino No. 50593 Tuesday, October 29 \$43 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 2 1/2 hour drive each way; periods of walking, standing, and sitting.

Let the games begin! There are 49 gaming tables, 9 poker tables and over 1500 slot and video poker machines for your enjoyment at this casino in Jackson. Dining options include a buffet lat Raging River or an expanded menu at Uncle Bud's. For a quick snack there's Café Express, offering hot dogs, salads, sweet treats, side dishes, and beverages. Casino bonus: \$10 Slot Play and \$5 Food Credit. Please note: bonuses subject to change without notice. *Motor coach leaves promptly at 7:30 AM and returns at approximately 6:00 PM.*

Reno Getaway No. 50648 Monday-Wednesday, November 18-20 Per person: \$219 double occupancy and \$269 single occupancy OPTIONAL:

- Reno Dinner & Show Package
 No. 50649
 Tuesday, November 19
- \$42 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM/HIGH – approx. 6 hour drive each way that includes an extended rest stop for no-host meal. A detailed itinerary will be mailed to the travelers approximately two weeks prior to the trip.

Enjoy round trip motor coach transportation provided by Royal Coach Tours and 2 nights deluxe accommodations at the Eldorado Hotel & Casino in Reno. On Monday we will make a stop mid-way for a no-host meal and will arrive in the Biggest Little City in the World at lunchtime. Upon arrival we will stop at the Nugget Casino in Sparks where you'll receive a casino bonus of \$5 Cash & \$5 Food Credit. The \$10 total bonus may be used for your lunch while at the casino. We will check in at the hotel around 5:15 PM. The remainder of the time in Reno is free to use as you wish. On Tuesday there will be an optional trip to Sheel's in Sparks. You'll be amazed at this shopping experience offering over 248,000 square feet of retail space that includes a Ferris wheel, 16,000 gallon aguarium, fudge factory and more! You may also add an optional dinner & show package which includes the fabulous Eldorado buffet and Fantasy on Ice at the beautiful Eldorado Showroom; register at the Senior Center. Don't miss the opportunity to experience this brand new original production where Cirque meets Ice. Our return trip will include a casino stop at Boomtown in Verdi where you'll receive a casino bonus of \$5 Cash and \$5 Food Credit. While at Boomtown you may enjoy the complimentary shuttle for a visit to Cabela's, a 125,000 square foot retail showroom featuring décor of museum-quality animal displays. Price includes driver gratuity, baggage handling, and breakfast buffet during your stay at the Eldorado. Motor coach leaves promptly at 7:30 AM on Monday and returns at approximately 5:30 PM on Wednesday.

Beach Blanket Babylon No. 50650 Sunday, December 8 No. 50651 Sunday, December 15

\$139 per person

Activity level: MEDIUM – approx. 1 hour drive each way; moderate walking. You must be able to walk one flight of stairs to theatre entrance and to the balcony.

We're off to San Francisco for a hosted luncheon at Capp's Corner. The meal begins with minestrone soup and green salad. Your entrée choice of Filet of Sole, Eggplant Parmigiana, Chicken Scaloppine, or Pork Tenderloin will be served with pasta marinara and braised vegetables. Dessert is Spumoni Ice Cream. After lunch we'll enjoy a festive holiday performance of Beach Blanket Babylon, the longest running musical revue in theatre history. The delightfully entertaining musical spoof of pop culture featuring extravagant costumes and outrageously huge hats is a great way to usher in the holidays, and an excellent excuse to let loose and laugh. The holiday show features a chorus line of tap dancing Christmas trees, special parodies of traditional Christmas carols, and those GIGANTIC zany hats that have made the show so famous. We'll end our day with a holiday lights tour. *Motor coach leaves promptly at 1:30 PM and returns at approximately 8:00 PM*.

IS YOUR SENIOR CENTER APPLICATION UPDATED?

Participants in the Adventures To Go travel program must update their application each calendar year before registering for a trip, being placed on a wait list, or traveling. Current proof of age and residency is required at the time you update your application. It is also important to have current health information and emergency contacts for you when you travel with us. Please contact the Senior Center office any time your information changes.